

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 am: Morning Worship

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Words for silent meditation: *I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your
faithfulness....* (Psalm 138:2a)

Prelude Gerry Major

Welcome Vicky Kessler
 The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 138

Greeting in Christ's peace

**Celebrating in Song

 The Love of God STJ 44
 Just a Closer Walk With Thee STJ 106

Sharing from Youth Convention Jerod and Daniel Kaufman

Scripture Jonah 1:17 - 2:10 Sharon Gehring
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Message "A Prayer of Thanksgiving" Pastor Eric

Song of Response My Life Flows On HWB 580

Offering and Offertory

Backpack Blessing

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

** Sending Song Move In Our Midst HWB 418
 (verses 1, 2)

**Benediction

**Postlude

Greeter: Ken Stucky

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Sermon Notes

"A Prayer of Thanksgiving"

Jonah 1:17-2:10

Theme

When we find ourselves in distress, God will save us when we call out to him.

Key Verse

"In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me." (2:2a)

Notes

A Prayer

In my distress I call to you, Lord, and you answer me. I give thanks that you, O Lord, save me. Amen.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

Find us on Facebook!

Sunday, September 3, 2017

9:30 am: CDT hosting breakfast **10:30 am:** Worship Service
Scripture: Connie Graber **Worship Leader:** Karen Loganbill
Message: Pastor Eric **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Greeters: Kirk & Carla Stucky **Music:** Taylor & Chase Stucky
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman, Frances Neufeld

Coming Events

Sept. 3: CDT is hosting a breakfast for the church 9:30-10:15 AM.
Sept. 10: Sunday School begins
Sept. 10: "Celebrate West Zion"

Our Mission : God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Eric Buller

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West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.

Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

1. Sept. 3 - CDT is hosting a breakfast from 9:30-10:15 to celebrate the start of a new Sunday School year. Enjoy a time of fellowship with the WZ family. The fall Sunday School quarter starts Sept. 10. Pastor Brad will be leading the adults through the book of Revelations. The K-6th will meet in the Sunday School rooms located in the NE and SE classrooms. 7th-12th students will be combining with First Mennonite and meeting at First Mennonite for the fall quarter. CDT looks forward to sharing breakfast with the whole congregation.
2. Join us for a come and go reception on September 3 from 2-4 PM at Pine Village Wellness Center to help Ken Stucky celebrate his 80th birthday.
3. Do you need help around the house with odd jobs or errands? Anthony Toro is seeking to earn some extra money and is willing to help as needed. Please give him a call at 620-386-0610.
4. Chancel Choir begins practice on Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 7-8 PM. Following this practice, a watermelon social will be held in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join!
5. We will have time to celebrate West Zion and welcome Pastor Brad back September 10 with a potluck lunch after worship service. Add a balloon to the bulletin board telling what it is about West Zion that you'd like to celebrate

General Announcements

6. Today! 4-5 PM at Hesston Mennonite Church - Join in celebrating the Congolese refugee families' first year in the United States. Hear about their journey so far and celebrate the renewed hope they have for the future.
7. Mark your calendars for the other upcoming Benefit Day events:
September 21 – Walk-A-Thon
September 29 – Bake Sale & Sloppy Joe Lunch
October 19 – Benefit Day Dinner & Auction
8. Registration is now open for the Womens/Girls Retreat (3rd grade and up) at Camp Mennoscah September 8-10. Our theme is "Together: Rooted and Reaching" with Barb Krehbiel Gehring as our featured speaker. Retreat schedules and registration forms are

available in the church office or available to print at:

<http://mennowdc.org/calendar/>. We will celebrate 100 years of Mennonite Women organizations through stories and a hymn sing Friday evening. There is no separate girls programming this year, so girls should register for Saturday morning and afternoon activities and seminars. Hope to see you all at Camp Mennoscah!

9. The MCC Flatlander Bike Ride is Sat., Sept. 16. The ride begins at 8AM with registration beginning at 7 AM at the MCC Center, Highway 15& 30th St. in N. Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in India. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride are planned. The brochure is available at mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. Both bikers and contributors are needed.

10. Registration is now open for: Sat., Nov. 18, 4th biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College, "Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the Mystery of Faith," with special guest presenter and resource person Ted Swartz. Symposium registration includes Swartz's performance of "Slightly Left of Normal," Fri., Nov. 17, in Krehbiel Auditorium (admission charge for non-symposium registrants). Registration discount for groups of 3 or more from a single congregation – for a complete schedule and online registration, see bethelks.edu/worshiparts.

11. **Sun., Aug. 27 – Ben Goossen** will speak on "Are Mennonites German? Religion and Nationalism in the Global Diaspora," and sign his book *Chosen Nation: Mennonites and Germany in a Global Era* (2017), **3 p.m.**, *Kauffman Museum* (books will be available for purchase in the museum store).

12. Thurs., Aug. 31 – "Lindey Anderson: They Sit Together," the first exhibit in Bethel College's Regier Art Gallery for 2017-18, opens with the artist reception, 6-8 PM outside the gallery.

13. Sat., Sept. 2 – Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk. Join experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel at 7 AM in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep. see www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/ or the Kauffman Museum Facebook page. For help locating Kauffman Museum,

14. **CHANGE OF VENUE**, Tues., Sept. 12, 7 PM.: Leonard Pitts Jr., will speak in Bethel College's Memorial Hall, a change from previous announcements and some printed material. Pitts will speak on "What Now? America in the Age of Trump," and sign copies of his books.

Prayer Concerns

Pray for:

Students and teachers as they are heading back to school.

Jan Dyck: healing for her lower back

Zettie Wedel

Kermit and Doris Unruh (Gerry Major's neighbors): health issues

Melissa Clarkson (Lorene Lohrenz's niece): diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor.

Kaleigh Guhr

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Deb Byler, based in the Indiana office, has served MMN in worker care for many years. She is now returning to Guatemala to minister alongside women leaders in the Kekchi Mennonite Church. Pray for Deb as she renews relationships and encourages women to use their gifts.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for Stephen Wilcox as he is installed today at First Mennonite Church in Halstead, KS, that God will bless his ministry as a new pastor in WDC.

Attendance: Worship Service: 60

Mission Mosaic

A lady serving in Bayankhongor Aimag, Mongolia, Pg 22

